

“habitation”) could by a slip very easily have been written instead of *-eocia*.

I agree with Mr Roper's implication that obvious original errors of this kind ought to be corrigible; there can be nothing sacrosanct about them. I understand that the Rules do permit correction of spellings where a *lapsus* or misprint is evident, but I think more use should be made of this escape-clause. Misprints and misreadings are no doubt at the root of most such cases. Should an author really be at the mercy of his printer in this way for the rest of time?— A.A. ALLEN, 49 Montcalm Road, Charlton, London SE7 8QG.

Migrant Lepidoptera in Cornwall, September and October 1990.

For many years I have visited Cornwall during the month of October in the hope of finding some of the more interesting migrants which visit our shores. We spent the week from the 28th September to 5th October in a delightful cottage on a wooded hillside overlooking Gillan Creek, Helford River, near Falmouth (Ref. SW 781253). The first evening produced only a few common migrants but things improved on 29th when two *Orthonoma obstipata* Fabr. and a single *Spodoptera exigua* Hb. came to light, the first species I have not seen for many years and the second was completely new to me. However, the undoubted entomological highlight of the year came on the 1st October when two *Utetheisa puchella* Linn. (both males) were recorded together with a female *Heliothis armigera* D. & S. and a single *Palpita unionalis* Hb. Despite running the light for the rest of the week there were no more migrants of note.

During the day I was very pleased to be able to record *Macroglossum stellatarum* Linn. on three occasions in various parts of Cornwall and a large number of *Vanessa atalanta* Linn. including nine on one sunny bank of ivy at Gillan Creek on the 4.10.90 and several *Vanessa cardui* Linn.

A complete list from Gillan Creek is given below:

Palpita unionalis Hb. 29.9.90, 1.10.90; *Rhodometra sacraria* Linn. The Vestal. 29.9.90, two on 30.9.90, and two more on 1.10.90. *Orthonoma obstipata* Fabricius, The Gem. Two on 29.9.90. *Utetheisa pulchella* Linn, Crimson Speckled Footman. Two on 1.10.90. *Mythimna vitellina* Hübner, The Delicate. Two on 28.9.90, two on 1.10.90. *Mythimna unipuncta* Haworth, White-speck. Two on 28.9.90, two on 1.10.90, 4.10.90. *Spodoptera exigua* Hübner, Small Mottled Willow. One on 29.9.90. *Heliothis armigera* D. & S., Scarce Bordered Straw. A single female to light on 1.10.90. *Heliothis peltigera* D. & S., Bordered Straw. One on 29.9.90. *Autographa gamma* Linn., Silver Y. 28.9.90, 3.10.90, 4.10.90. *Macroglossum stellatarum* Linn., Hummingbird Hawkmoth, 30.9.90, Trelowarren, near Gweek, Helston SW719239, 1.10.90 Gillan Creek, Falmouth, 3.10.90 St Mawes, Cornwall SW 855332.— COLIN HART, Fourpenny Cottage, Dungate Lane, Bletchworth, Surrey RH3 7BD.